

## SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC AMONG OUR TROOPS

## Asia's Virulent Scourge Attacks Volunteers.

## Regular Soldiers So Far Escape Its Inroads.

### Rise of an Eastern Spectre More to Be Feared Than Aguinaldo's Bombs and Bullets.

Late advices from Manila, which are kept secret by the War Department, indicate that smallpox is epidemic in certain American regiments there. It is stated that nearly one-half of the men in the Twentieth Kansas regiment are suffering from Asiatic smallpox, which is the most virulent type of the disease.

There are very few cases in the regular

regiments, the disease being confined largely to the volunteers. The regiments affected being those from Kansas, California, Colorado, Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

For some reason not explained the regulars appear to be immune from smallpox.

Out of the nineteen deaths reported today all were volunteers but one, who was a regular infantryman.

An army officer who had read the report remarked:

"We will have a worse foe than the Phil-

binos to combat, it appears. If Asiatic smallpox is epidemic among our troops in the Philippines it will kill more men than bombs or bullets could. Immediate steps should be taken to check the disease, before it gains too much headway."

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## THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

Contest for the Judgeship Waxes

**Warm.**  
The contest between Judge David D. Shelby and John T. Glenn for the appointment as judge of the Fifth United States

ment as judge of the Fifth United States circuit is now assuming a spirited aspect, although the former is said to be the most formidable candidate. Former Secretary Hoke Smith is interested in the appointment of Mr. Glenn, and up to a short time ago was a daily caller at the White House to influence the President in his behalf. Senators Pittman and Morgan have been advocating the appointment of Judge Shelby, and today General Joe Wheeler no longer

The Fifth circuit includes a large amount of territory, and the judgeship is one of the important positions of the South.

The contest for the appointment is more between States than individuals. Judge Shelby, being a native of Huntsville, Ala., and Mr. Glenn of Atlanta, Ga. The atten-

tion of the President has been called to the fact that a native of Alabama has never been given an important judgeship, while Georgia now has several of her sons on the bench.

When this morning was approaching, Milford M. Hume, who was selected by the Alabama State Bar Association to visit Washington and see Mr. McKinley and assure him that the appointment of Judge Shelby would meet with the entire approbation of the lawyers of his State. President McKinley saw both General Wheeler and Attorney Humes, and ap-

ed much interested in the latter's able presentation of the qualifications of Judge Shelby. He made no definite promise as to the appointment this morning, but from his manner General Wheeler said he felt assured that Judge Shelby would receive the position.

Hanson today and waited for over an hour for his colleague, Quay, to keep an appointment with him, in order that they might confer together with the President. Senator Quay, however, did not appear at the White House, and Senator Penrose left without seeing the President. When asked regarding the probability of Senator Quay being re-elected to the Senate, Mr.

Penrose said: "Of course a deadlock exists now in Harrisburg, but it will soon be broken and there is very little doubt that Quay will win in the end."

Senator Platt of New York was one of the early visitors today and spent some time with Mr. McKinley. He is urging Thomas G. Alford for the position of Li-

brarian of Congress, who has also the endorsement of the entire New York Congressional delegation. Senator Platt seems to think that his candidate has an excellent chance of securing the position. When Representative Barrows was mentioned as a prominent candidate Senator Platt said that he was "afraid Mr. Barrows would beat him out."

Senator Burrows and a party of visitors from Michigan, made an inspection of the White House this morning.

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**FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

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**Movement in Cumberland With Influential Backing.**

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 31.—A movement has begun for the establishment of a public library in Cumberland. According to an estimate furnished by Mr. Bernard C. Steiner, librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, the first cost of books, furniture, and sundries of a suitable library

ry would be \$6,000, and the current expenses per year would be \$15,000. This does not include rent, as it is hoped, in the event the move is successful, to have donated for the use of the library a room now vacant on the first floor of the city hall. A number of leading citizens are taking enthusiastically to the project.

**INCENSED BY THE MORMONS.**  
Citizens of Bristol Smash the Lead-  
er's Window Panes.  
London, Jan. 31.—The inhabitants of  
Bristol are greatly incensed at the Mor-  
mons who are conducting a mission there.

They persist in holding meetings despite the violent popular opposition and a large number of policemen are required constantly to protect the members of the small colony. Last night every pane of glass in the Mormon leader's house was smashed.

**Business Man Commits Suicide.**  
Reading, Pa., Jan. 31.—Isaac S. Shade, a well known citizen of Wernersdott, this county, committed suicide shortly before 7 o'clock yesterday morning by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was found by his family stretched at full length on the bed, and had apparently died without a struggle.

**Mangled on the Railroad.**  
Reading, Pa., Jan. 31. — Jacob Rogowski, of No. 512 1-2 Maple Street, while picking coal on the Reading Railroad, near the South Street crossing, in this city yesterday, was run down by an express train and instantly killed. The locomotive hurled the unfortunate man against a coal car standing on a siding, horribly mauling him.

**Former Cleveland Mayor Dead.**  
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Former Mayor Herick died yesterday, aged 72. Up to 1902 he was prominent in city affairs.

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